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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2008.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7,9,10 and 13-17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7,9,10 and 13-17 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1-3 and 5-7 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Taylor 20010020189. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor 20010020189.

Taylor discloses a device comprising: inner 87 and outer 83 elements defining an ingestion chamber with a proximal entry opening and a distal exit opening to limit a rate of efflux (Fig. 5); a plurality of openings in the outer element for protrusion of stomach lining to the inner element (Fig. 5); wherein the inner element includes a plurality of retention members 27 to hold the protruding stomach lining, whereby the device is secured to the stomach lining; and wherein the inner and outer elements are frustoconically tapered from a relatively larger proximal radius to a relatively smaller distal radius (Fig. 5). Taylor further discloses the inner and outer elements comprise nested baskets (Fig. 5). Taylor further discloses the openings are formed by a mesh in the outer element (Fig. 5). The inner and outer elements are inherently rotatable to

some degree with respect to each other. The retention members are inherently releasable. Taylor further discloses a distal end ring in the outer element, and a proximal end ring in the inner element (Fig. 7).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
5. Claims 10, 13, and 15-17 are allowed.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Taylor fails to disclose a plurality of spikes mounted tangentially on the inner basket adjacent mesh openings in the outer basket. The closest prior art is Cassell 6,666,873 in which flexible spikes are used to attach an anastomotic ring to tissue, however, these spikes are not actually tangentially mounted and are instead flexible in a tangential direction. Therefore, the prior art of record and the prior art at large, alone or in combination, does not teach the tangentially mounted spikes and thus the claims are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GREGORY A. ANDERSON whose telephone number is (571)270-3083. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:30am-3:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on (571) 272-4696. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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